

Art Unit: 1794

1. The reply filed on 8/28/08 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: Applicant failed to respond to the election of species requirement for claim

20. IF group I is elected, Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for claim 20. Select one species for examination or face abandonment of this case.

Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.